

Minutes of the special meeting and work session of the City of Winslow Arts Council held on December 4, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at Quality Inn, 1701 N. Park Drive, Winslow, AZ.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Todd Roth, Vice-Chairman
April Neill
Christa Knox
Cheri Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sarah Smithson

STAFF

Roberta Cano

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Todd offered the invocation. Todd moved to excuse Sarah from being absent. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL OF – NOVEMBER 16, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the November 16, 2015 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved by Vice-Chairman Roth.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the public was closed, as no members of the public attended the meeting.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

Work Session, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

A. Further discussion in reference to a possible Women's Self- Defense Class.

A discussion took place in reference to the title of the self-defense class, and how it seems to alienate men from participating. A suggestion was made to rename the class to include all genders. The Recording Secretary informed the Council that Lieutenant Arend is willing to teach the class, however he will not be able to do it until he returns from a training class in April. Further discussion of the self-defense class will take place at a later date.

B. Further discussion in reference the Holiday lights/decoration contest for the public.

A discussion took place in reference to the Holiday lights contest and the prizes that will be awarded to the winners. April stated that she delivered the plaques to Christa for the Art Club to paint and that she provided 5 plaques for the top 5 homes. Christa stated that her Art Club students are ready to paint the plaques, which will read "BEST OF WINSLOW LIGHTS 2015". April suggested that the sign could also state "Sponsored by the Arts Council" and have the logo added as well. Todd inquired about the process involving those who want to be entered in the contest. The Recording Secretary informed Todd that anyone wanting to participate can call April or City Hall to enter the contest and they will be included on the judging tour on December 17th.

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C. Further discussion in reference to the First Friday event.

A discussion took place regarding the information that Todd received from the owner of the Quality Inn in reference to having the First Friday event at his place of business. April stated that the conference room would be perfect to feature the artists showing at the event, and suggested that the restaurant provide appetizers and possibly wine for the guest/ patrons. Christa provided information on the set up of the event and how to ensure a professional atmosphere for the artist and patron regarding food and drinks. Christa also mentioned that some of the wall space in the conference room could not be utilized, and that should be considered when looking at a venue for the event. April stated that the Arts Council is in possession of easels that can display artwork on both sides of the stand, which will provide more space for the artist without utilizing a wall. Todd discussed his meeting with Devin, the owner of the Quality Inn, who suggested that the event should take place in the front lobby of the hotel. The only disadvantage of having the event in the front lobby is that alcohol cannot be consumed in that area.

A discussion took place with Devin, as he stopped in to chat with the council about the event. April asked if the conference room could be used for the event and shared her vision of providing appetizers and wine for the guests. Devin explained that the conference room cannot be utilized for the First Friday event because he needs the room for dinner guests on busy Friday nights. He then stated that any other day would be fine to use the conference room. Christa suggested that we could do a Saturday night and call it Second Saturday. The Council discussed the change of plans and decided to go with the new idea of having the event Second Saturday. April motioned to change the event to Second Saturday. Sam seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The details of the event were discussed and decided that the tentative date to begin on Jan 9th, at 6 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant Conference room at the Quality Inn. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 P.M., without objection.

Sarah Smithson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary